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7. (original) The assembly of Claim 6, wherein said removably attached sealing member is a cap that can be reattached to said structural member such that said container is resealable.

8. (original) The assembly of Claim 7, wherein said cap includes an inner flange that seals against an inner surface of said structural member.

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9. (original) The assembly of Claim 1, wherein said opening has a smaller diameter than said cavity.

10. (currently amended) An improved golf ball packaging assembly to increase the shelf life of soft cover golf balls, said assembly comprising:

a container and at least one soft cover golf ball;

said container comprising a structural member that defines a cavity sized and configured to retain said golf ball;

said container further comprising an opening extending into said cavity and a removably attached sealing member that covers said opening;

said container also comprising a vapor barrier that substantially encases said golf ball;

said vapor barrier transmitting a first rate of vapor into said cavity and said golf ball absorbing vapor from within said cavity at a second rate, said first rate being lower than said second rate; and

wherein said opening has a smaller diameter than said cavity and The assembly of Claim 9, wherein said diameter of said opening is slightly smaller than said golf ball such that said golf ball must be shaken from said container.

11. (original) The assembly of Claim 1, wherein said structural member is subdivided into a plurality of subcontainers.

12. (original) The assembly of Claim 1, wherein said golf ball is packed within said container under vacuum.

13. (currently amended) An improved golf ball packaging assembly to increase the shelf life of soft cover golf balls, said assembly comprising:

a container and at least one soft cover golf ball;